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The store of William E. Moore, at Hillsboro, was broken into last Tuesday and the safe broken open. About \$400 or \$450, mostly in money, was taken. Another like robbery took place in Nicholas County

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Norman E. McKenney was injured in a two-car accident on the straight stretch below Huntersville early Friday morning. The second car was driven by Daniel Lee Terry. McKenney was taken to Morgantown but was able to return home this week.

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Warren Dair Shue, 11, of Droop was injured Friday night when his bicycle turned into the road and was hit unavoidably by a car driven by Ralph Sharp. The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darreleigh Shue, was taken to the Medical Center at Morgantown for observation and treatment and returned home Mon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shrad- der, of Windsor, Pennsylvania,

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a copy of an old CCC camp
paper, the Cannon Ball, of No-
vember 6, 1935, from Camp
Price on Droop Mountain, and
we print herewith the accounts
of two Civil War Veterans re-
turning for the 72nd anniversa-
ry of the Battle of Droop Moun-
tain. Other guests included
Congressman Jennings Ran-
dolph, CCC and State officials.

George Henry Alderman, 91
years old, a veteran of the Bat-
tle of Droop Mountain, explod-
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Confederates buried a brass
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whose home is in Summersville,was a member of Company A 14th regiment of the Virginia Cavalry. Although well up in years, Mr. Alderman has a vivid remembrance of all that transpired during this historic battle. He stated. "Our camp was located on the little knoll that lies to the south of the swamp. We had left our horses back on the mountain. The hill-front overlooking Hillsboro was heavily fortified, as the Confederates were expecting the Union attack to come from this direction; the Union forces, however, came in from behind and took us entirely by surprise. The only outlet for escape was the old Lobelia-Jacox road, where we had left our horses. Under a heavy fire, we escaped, but we took our brass cannon with us. I know

Veterans, of Hillsboro, arrived in Camp Price this morning to commemorate the Battle of Droop Mountain. General McNeel was a member of the 19th regiment of Virginia, Company F. Mr. McNeel's regiment participated in the battle, but his company had been sent to Green Bank, near Huntersville to watch for the Union forces as they were expected to come in that direction. The Yankees, however, took another route and Company F missed them and the battle. General McNeel was a private during the war, but was elected a 2nd Lieutenant before the war closed. His appointment as Brigadier General came after the close of the war.

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General Averell, commanding the Union forces in the battle, was an overnight guest at the home of General McNeel, in Hillsboro, and still has in his possession a letter from General Averell directing that any damage caused to the property be paid for by the United States government. General Averell made a very fine impression on all the Southern people he came in contact with.

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General McNeel visited the battlefield a few days after the battle was fought and seemed to think that both the Union and Confederates were very excited during the gun-fire. Trees were cut down by the firing, but they were cut down above the average man's size, indicating that the troops were poor shots or they were not very anxious to kill their opponents. This explains the comparatively few deaths that occurred during the battle